



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY,  
NAGPUR BENCH, NAGPUR.**

**WRIT PETITION NO. 6492/2023**

**Vaishnavi D/o Premanand Wankhade,**  
 Aged about 21 years, Occ. Student,  
 R/o. Vitthalwadi Kandli, Paratwada,  
 Tal. Achalpur, Dist. Amravati

.... **PETITIONER(S)**

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**The Vice Chairman/Member Secretary,**  
 Scheduled Tribe Caste Certificate Scrutiny Committee,  
 Amravati

.... **RESPONDENT(S)**

Ms. Himani Kavi, Adv with Ms. P.D. Rane, Adv for Petitioner(s)  
 Mr. P. Pendke, AGP for the Respondent/State

**CORAM : AVINASH G. GHAROTE &  
SMT. M.S. JAWALKAR, JJ.  
JANUARY 17, 2024**

**ORAL JUDGMENT :- (PER: SMT. M.S. JAWALKAR, J.)**

. Heard. **RULE.** Rule made returnable forthwith. Heard finally by consent of the parties.

(2) The Petitioner has challenged the order dated 25/08/2023 passed by the Scrutiny Committee invalidating her caste claim of belonging to 'Thakur' Scheduled Tribe and the Petitioner also seeks directions to the Respondent to issue Caste Validity Certificate in her favour.

(3) The father of the Petitioner preferred Writ Petition No. 3339/2022 (**Premanand S/o Pralhadrao Wankhade vs. The Vice-Chairman/Member Secretary, Scheduled Tribe Caste Certificate Scrutiny Committee, Amravati & another**) before this Court challenging the order passed by the Scrutiny Committee by which his caste claim of belonging to 'Thakur' Scheduled Tribe has been invalidated. On 20/12/2023, this Court has allowed the said Writ Petition by setting aside the order passed by the Scrutiny Committee and declared that father of the present Petitioner belongs to 'Thakur' Scheduled Tribe, which is an admitted position. In the present case, the genealogical tree of the Petitioner is also not disputed by the Respondent.

(4) As such, in the light of such adjudication by this Court, which has not been stated to be further challenged, the Petitioner would be entitled to similar relief.

(5) Hence for the reasons assigned in Writ Petition No. 3339/2022 decided on 20/12/2023, we pass the following order:-

(a) The Writ Petition is **allowed**.

(b) The order passed by the Scrutiny Committee dated 25/08/2023 is hereby quashed and set aside.

(c) It is declared that the Petitioner belongs to 'Thakur' Scheduled Tribe. The Scrutiny Committee shall issue Caste Validity Certificate to the Petitioner within a period of four weeks from the date of copy of receipt of this judgment.

(d) In the meanwhile, the Petitioner is free to rely upon the copy of this judgment while pursuing her education till Caste Validity Certificate is issued to her.

**Rule is made absolute in the above terms. No costs.**  
Pending Application(s), if any, stand(s) **disposed of**.

**(SMT. M.S. JAWALKAR, J.)**

**(AVINASH G. GHAROTE, J.)**